

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Criminal Action
)	No. 13-10200-GAO
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DZHOKHAR A. TSARNAEV, also)	
known as Jahar Tsarni,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

BEFORE THE HONORABLE GEORGE A. O'TOOLE, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

STATUS CONFERENCE - EXCERPT

John J. Moakley United States Courthouse
Courtroom No. 9
One Courthouse Way
Boston, Massachusetts 02210
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10 a.m.

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2 THE COURT: Because this is Mr. Tsarnaev's first
3 appearance in court since his arraignment, I do want to inquire
4 of him whether he's been kept apprised of the proceedings. So
5 I just have a couple of questions for Mr. Tsarnaev, if he would
6 stand, please.

7 (The defendant rises.)

8 THE COURT: So, Mr. Tsarnaev, as you probably know, a
9 defendant in a criminal case such as this has a right to a
10 public trial, among other things, and that includes the right
11 to be present at any meaningful court proceeding related to the
12 trial. As I've just noted, since the arraignment you have not
13 been present, although I've been advised by your lawyers that
14 that's been at your election based on their advice, and I want
15 to confirm whether that's the case.

16 Have you elected not to be present at the prior status
17 conferences that we've had?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

19 THE COURT: Have your lawyers kept you -- have they
20 regularly communicated with you about events in the case so
21 that you feel you've been kept up to date as to what is
22 proceeding in the case?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: And are you satisfied that in representing
25 you, the lawyers have been acting in your best interest?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Very much.

2 THE COURT: Do you have any concerns about your
3 representation that you would like to address with me
4 privately?

5 THE DEFENDANT: No.

6 THE COURT: Okay. Thank you.

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I, Marcia G. Patrisso, RMR, CRR, Official Reporter of the United States District Court, do hereby certify that the foregoing transcript constitutes, to the best of my skill and ability, a true and accurate transcription of my stenotype notes taken in the matter of Criminal Action No. 13-10200, United States of America v. Dzhokhar A. Tsarnaev.

/s/ Marcia G. Patrisso
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Official Court Reporter

Date: 12/18/14